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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 30 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Haiti (S/1999/908, S/1999/1184 and S/1999/1202)*

International Court of Justice (S/1999/1197)*

Democratic Republic of the Congo**

Other matters

Morning***	4072nd meeting (resumed)	Security Council Chamber

Role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

** Possibly followed by a formal meeting.

*** To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	66th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	67th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine [44]:

   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/54/35)

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/457)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.42, A/54/L.43, A/54/L.44, A/54/L.45)

2. The situation in the Middle East [43]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/457, A/54/495)

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.40, A/54/L.41)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

1. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.16 *(item 100)*, A/C.2/54/L.17 *(item 100)* and the draft resolution entitled "Promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development" *(item 100 (f))*

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.13 *(item 99 (b))*, A/C.2/54/L.20 *(item 99 (a))*, A/C.2/54/L.27 *(item 98 (a)) and* A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Human resources management [164] (A/53/955, A/54/257, A/54/272, A/54/276, A/54/279 et Corr.1, A/C.5/54/2, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/54/164, A/54/165, A/C.5/54/4, A/C.5/54/21 and A/54/450)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

   Human resources management [164]

   Gratis personnel (A/53/1028, A/54/470 and A/54/533)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3. Programme planning [120] (A/54/16, A/54/89, A/54/117, A/54/125 and A/C.5/54/12)

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

   Revised estimates arising out of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999 (A/54/443 and A/54/7/Add.2)

   Conclusion of general discussion

5. Pattern of conferences [124] (A/C.5/54/28)

   Introduction and general discussion

6. Organization of work

7. Other matters

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/54/11))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of conferences (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only), A/54/7, A/52/1000, A/52/7, A/53/257, A/51/946, A/52/685, A/53/16 and A/53/669))

9.30 p.m.- 12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57 and A/52/7/Add.2))

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

9 a.m.- 11 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence Part 4 of the Statute)

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence Parts 9 and 10 of the Statute)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on elements of crimes

WORKING GROUP ON ELEMENTS OF CRIMES

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PARTS 9 AND 10 OF THE STATUTE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET)
2. Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.36: International Civilian Mission in Haiti/International Civilian Support Mission in Haiti
3. Draft reports

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of the Russian Federation invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to be held *today*, 30 November 1999, at 10.30 in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/54/L.23

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the General Assembly draft resolution A/54/L.23 on the "Code of Democratic Conduct" under agenda item 39 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies) *today*, 30 November 1999, at 3.30 p.m. in room S-3527B.

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Friends of the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences will hold informal consultations with interested members of the Committee on Conferences *today*, 30 November 1999, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room D, to review a proposal affecting the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001 in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.11).

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An open-ended informal meeting of the Disarmament Commission will take place *today*, 30 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations *today*, 30 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The informal consultations will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations. Further consultations will be held on Wednesday, 1 December, and Thursday, 2 December, at 10 a.m., and on Friday, 3 December 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 30 November 1999

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m.- 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9.30 a.m.- 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP
(on Fifth Committee matters)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 40th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES

12 noon- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on business and development (A/C.2/54/L.34 and L.35))

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

CENTRAL AMERICAN GROUP

3.15 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(on the political declaration on "Women 2000")

3.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: business and development (A/C.2/54/L.34 and L.35); financing for development (A/C.2/54/L.25); and all other pending issues)

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Briefing

The Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, H.E. Chief Emeka Anyaoku, will brief the Permanent Representatives of Commonwealth Member States *today*, 30 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 1 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

3 p.m. 68th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/54/551) [64]

2. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/54/552) [65]

3. Question of Antarctica: report of the First Committee (A/54/553) [66]

4. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements: report of the First Committee (A/54/554) [67]

5. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/54/555) [68]

6. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/54/556) [69]

7. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free-Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/54/557) [70]

8. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/54/558) [71]

9. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/54/559) [72]

10. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/54/560) [73]

11. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/54/561) [74]

12. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/54/562) [75]

13. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/54/563) [76]

14. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly [77]:

    (a) Report of the First Committee (A/54/564)

    (b) Amendments (A/54/L.39)

15. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/54/565) [78]

16. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/54/566) [79]

17. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/54/567) [80]

18. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/54/568) [81]

19. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/54/569) [82]

20. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/54/570) [83]

21. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the First Committee (A/54/571) [84]

22. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/54/572) [85]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 1
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 1
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1

* Following the adjournment of the 44th meeting of the Second Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 45th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Thursday, 2 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing by H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Coordinator of the open-ended informal consultations of the General Assembly on the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements (A/53/463), on Thursday, 2 December 1999, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Coordinator will brief delegations on his report on these consultations which can be retrieved from the Web Site of the Iranian Mission at the following address: http://www.un.int/iran (Second Committee - Statements).

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Thursday, 2 December 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Economic and Social Council, to consider all outstanding matters, will take place on Thursday, 9 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. Informal consultations on pending issues will take place under the chairmanship of the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), on Monday, 6 December, at *3 p.m.* The conference room will be announced.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 2.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 2000* on Friday, 10 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Arab Group of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court on Wednesday, from 1 to 3 December 1999, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Wednesday, 1 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations will conduct a consultation on the evolving relationship between non-governmental organizations and the United Nations, on Wednesday, 1 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 30 November 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a technical workshop, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Program on Security and Development (SAND) of the Monterrey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss a draft Light Weapons Field Guide for Development and Humanitarian Relief Workers being developed by SAND and BICC. The workshop will be chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala. Members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Copies of the draft Field Guide may be retrieved from the office of Mr. David Biggs, Conventional Arms Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3170G; tel.: (212) 963-5598).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 29 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4072nd meeting

Role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Croatia, Egypt, Finland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Japan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, South Africa, the Sudan, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates and Zambia, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, France, Argentina, Canada, the United Kingdom, China, the Russian Federation, Bahrain, Malaysia, Brazil, Gabon, the Gambia, Namibia and the Netherlands.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland, which aligned themselves with the statement), the United Arab Emirates, South Africa, Australia, the Sudan, the Republic of Korea, Belarus and Japan.

The meeting was suspended.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

64th plenary meeting

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [39]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/492)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.23, A/54/L.33)

(c) Amendments (A/54/L.46)

The representative of Romania made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/54/L.23 and A/54/L.33.

The representative of Algeria made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendments to draft resolution A/54/L.23 contained in document A/54/L.46.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Croatia and Norway; H.E. Ms. Nyam-Osor Tuya, Minister for External Relations of Mongolia; the representatives of Yemen, the United States, India, the Philippines, Hungary, Uzbekistan, Finland (on the behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Rumania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the Niger, Nicaragua, Chile, Bangladesh, Argentina, Botswana, Benin and Belarus.

The General Assembly was informed that it would take action on draft resolution A/54/L.23 and the amendments thereto contained in document A/54/L.46 at a later date to be announced.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.33 (resolution 54/36).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 39.

65th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [44]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/54/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/457)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.42, A/54/L.43, A/54/L.44, A/54/L.45)

The Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/54/L.42, A/54/L.43, A/54/L.44 and A/54/L.45.

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the Committee's report (A/54/35).

The Head of the Observer Delegation of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, South Africa, Israel, Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, China and Yemen.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
Third session 9th meeting

The Chairman of the Preparatory Commission declared open the third session of the Commission and made a statement.

The representative of Fiji made a statement.

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE 249th meeting

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Chairman made a statement.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President of the Security Council made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine read out a message from Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and President of the Palestinian Authority.

The Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories made a statement.

The representative of South Africa read a message of the Chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The representative of Burkina Faso read a message of the Chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

The representative of Algeria read a message of the Chairman of the Organization of African Unity.

The Under-Secretary-General of the League of Arab States read a message of the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

Mr. Don Betz read a message, on behalf of the international network of non-governmental organizations on the question of Palestine.

Messages on the occasion were received from the Heads of State of the following countries: Afghanistan, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cyprus, Ecuador, Egypt, Guinea, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Namibia, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Viet Nam.

Messages were received from the Heads of Government of the following countries: Bangladesh, China, India, Lesotho, Malaysia, Malta, Pakistan, Thailand and Turkey.

Messages were received from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the following countries: Argentina, Colombia, Japan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Syrian Arab Republic and Ukraine.

Messages were received from the Governments of the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Zimbabwe.

A message was received from the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

A message was received from Federación Palestina del Perú, a non-governmental organization.

A statement was made by the Head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A concluding statement was made by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 1999

46th meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee continued and concluded the public part of its consideration of the third periodic report of Mexico (E/1994/104/Add.18). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

47th (closed) meeting

The Committee held a preliminary discussion of concluding observations on the report of Mexico.

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee discussed its statement to the WTO Ministerial Conference and its contribution to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

MONDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 1999

48th and 49th meetings

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee considered and adopted General Comment No. 13 on the right to education (Article 13 of the Covenant).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Fiji (29 November 1999)
Ratification: Fiji (29 November 1999)*

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Signature: India (29 November 1999)

Ratification: India (29 November 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed until Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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World AIDS Day

An observance of World AIDS Day will be held on Wednesday, 1 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The theme is "The Children Left Behind," children who have been orphaned by the AIDS-related deaths of one or both parents. Speakers include the President of the General Assembly, the Deputy Secretary-General, United States First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, H.M. Queen Noor Al Hussein of Jordan and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Harry Belafonte. Three children orphaned by AIDS, from the United States, Uganda and Thailand, will tell their stories to Children's Express Reporter Alexandra Berke, followed by two panels: "Child care, Child welfare and clinical issues" and "Finance and funding issues". The observance is co-sponsored by Department of Public Information (DPI), the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. (BLCA), the Magic Johnson Foundation, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the World Bank, the White House Office of National AIDS Policy and the Global Health Council. Delegations and accredited media are welcome; Secretariat staff and NGOs will be admitted, space permitting, to the public gallery.

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